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RESOLUTION ON OBSTACLES TO TRADE

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1. REASONING RE INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO MFN GIVEN REFTTEL
IS PERSUASIVE, ESPECIALLY POINT ABOUT HEADING OFF POSSIBLE
EASTERN LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE MORE PREJUDICIAL. IN
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AGREEING TO PARA G, DELEGATION SHOULD HOWEVER PUT EC ON

NOTICE THAT US WOULD BE GREATLY DISTURBED BY ANY MOVE LATER ON TO SHARPEN REFERENCE TO MFN OR FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON TARIFFS, AND WOULD PREFER SOME BALANCING REFERENCE TO QRS.

2. PARA M OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE AS EXPLAINED PARA 4 REFTEL, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BEAR WATCHING IN CASE EAST TRIES TO INTERPRET THIS EXTREMELY VAGUE LANGUAGE IN OTHER,

POSSIBLY PREJUDICIAL DIRECTIONS.

3. DELEGATION SHOULD TRY ONCE MORE FOR INCLUSION OF "CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS" CLAUSE IN PARA O, BUT MAY WITHDRAW IT FOR POSSIBLE USE LATER IF EC IS ADAMANT.

4. WE STILL HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PARAS K, L, AND N, EVEN IF ALL WERE CAVEATED AS K ALREADY IS. IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH US ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY TO AGREE, EVEN IN PRINCIPLE, TO PLACE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ON THE "RHYTHM OF GROWTH OF EXTERNAL TRADE," ON "FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGES," OR ON "QUANTITY OR PRICES." THIS IS TRUE OF OUR TRADE WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BUT EVEN MORE SO WITH THE MARKET ECONOMIES OF THE WEST. WE WONDER WHY THE EC COUNTRIES ARE NOT CONCERNED BY THESE IMPLICATIONS AND REQUEST FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THEIR RATIONALE FOR USING THIS LANGUAGE. IF NATO GROUP INSISTS ON TABLING THIS DRAFT IN ITS CURRENT FORM, DELEGATION SHOULD RESERVE US POSITION IN PARAS K; L, AND N PENDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION. RUSH

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